**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

The January 10, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Julie Baglien.

Members present: Julie Baglien, Rob Baum, Jeff Caudill, David Lightner, Jackie Sanford, Eric Taylor, and Craig Ward.

Administrative members present: Randall Cook, Janis Sanford, Tanya Newland, and Chris Talbot.

Visitors present: Norma Lundeen, Crystal Cutler, Paul, Abbie and Riley Ray, Amy Hicks, Barak, Jason, Natasha and Brady Haring, and Keith Hadley.

Motion by Vice President Lightner, support by Treasurer Caudill to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Ward, support by Member Sanford to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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General Fund Bills of $ 743,988.49

Hot Lunch Bills of $ 9,647.03

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Elementary Principal, Janis Sanford presented the Lower Elementary Citizen of the Month Award to Riley Ray. The Upper Elementary Citizen of the Month was Kayleb Wellman, who was unable to attend the meeting. Secondary Principal Tanya Newland introduced English Teacher Amy Hicks, who presented Barak Haring with the December Middle School Citizen of the Month Award. The High School Citizen of the Month for December was Zach Parish. Zach was unable to attend the meeting also, these students will receive the award in front of their classmates.

Norma Lundeen, President of the SEA, thanked the Board of Education Members for their hard work and dedication to the students and staff at Springport.

Superintendent Cook presented the Board Members with Certificates of Excellence in honor of Board Appreciation Recognition for the month of January. Superintendent Cook read a resolution from the Jackson County Intermediate School District acknowledging their hard work and dedication.

Secondary Principal Tanya Newland introduced Choir Director Keith Hadley, who presented the Board with a report on the Fine Arts programs in the Springport School District. Springport is fortunate to have four Fine Arts teachers in the district. Our art programs provide diverse education for our students, this broadens and strengthens their education.

Crystal Cutler, Special Education Consultant from the Jackson County Intermediate School District presented a presentation on the Cross Indicator Analysis Report. Statewide requirements have been put into place to improve processes and lesson delays in completion of student IEP reports.

Board took a brief recess at 7:25 p.m.

Board reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

Superintendent Cook presented a request to hire Kelly Taber as an elementary paraprofessional to assist with kindergarten children.

Motion by Secretary Ward, support by Treasurer Caudill to hire Kelly Taber as a regular Education Paraprofessional in accordance with all local and state statutes and with the SESPA Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook requested two overnight trips students. These trips were presented for information at the December 2016 board meeting.

Motion by Vice President Lightner, second by Trustee Baum to approve the overnight trip proposal to Washington DC, departing on March 31, 2017 and returning April 4, 2017 as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Taylor, supported by Trustee Sanford to approve the overnight State Power Lifting trip proposal to Croswell High School in Croswell Michigan, departing March 10, 2017 and returning March 11, 2017, as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented a request from Denise Hofman, middle school teacher who has requested to use her “once in a lifetime unpaid leave request” this spring.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Trustee Sanford to approve an unpaid “Once in a Lifetime” leave request for Denise Hofman for March 25, 2017 through April 8, 2017, using 1.5 unpaid leave days. **Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Vice President Lightner, support by Member Taylor to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the custodial/maintenance tentative agreement at 7:32 p.m.

*Roll Call Vote: Ms. Baglien, aye; Mr. Baum, aye; Mr. Caudill, aye; Mr. Lightner, aye: Ms. Sanford, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Ward aye.*

**Motion Carried, seven ayes.**

President Baglien and Treasurer Caudill excused themselves due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Trustee Taylor, second by Trustee Sanford to return to regular session at 7:40 p.m.

*Roll Call Vote: Mr. Baum, aye; Mr. Lightner, aye: Ms. Sanford, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Ward aye.*

**Motion Carried, five ayes.**

President Baglien and Treasurer Caudill returned to regular session.

Motion by Secretary Ward, second by Vice President Lightner to ratify the contract agreement reached between Springport Board of Education and the Springport Custodial/Maintenance Association for the term of January 10, 2017 through Dec 31, 2017 as presented.

Abstained: Caudill, Baglien

**Motion Carried: 5 ayes, 2 abstain**

Superintendent Cook reminded the Board of the February 8, 2017 Superintendent Evaluation Training. The meeting will be from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

The winter village bus pick up has started for the morning run. Students are able to ride the bus to school until after spring break.

The Michigan Court of Appeals has found that the schools can prohibit firearms within the schools, and can remain weapons free.

Motion by Secretary Ward, support by Treasurer Caudill to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.